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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
MICHIGAN COMPETITIVENESS

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 12:00 noon Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Michigan Competitiveness was called to order by the Chair.

Chairman Chatfield requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, and Yancey.

Members absent/excused: None

Representative Lilly moved to approve the minutes from the December 13th, 2017 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Representative Cole moved to approve the minutes from the January 24th, 2018 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid the following bills before the committee:

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| SB 609 | (Hildenbrand) | Traffic control; other; driver responsibility fees; eliminate collection of beginning September 30, 2018. |
| SB 610 | (Hertel) | Traffic control; other; educational outreach program for driver responsibility fee amnesty program; create, and provide funding. |
| SB 611 | (Schmidt) | Traffic control; other; driver responsibility fees; eliminate December 31, 2015 deadline for completion of form notifying department of treasury of individual's intent to perform community service. |
| SB 612 | (Emmons) | Traffic control; other; driver responsibility fees; eliminate assessment beginning October 1, 2018. |
| SB 613 | (Jones) | Traffic control; other; reference in enhanced driver license and enhanced official state personal identification card act to driver responsibility fees; modify. |
| SB 614 | (O'Brien) | Traffic control; other; waiver of driver responsibility fee for successful participation in DWI sobriety court program; provide for on or after October 1, 2018. |
| SB 615 | (Knezek) | Traffic control; other; driver responsibility fees; eliminate collection of for certain individuals who entered into an installment payment program. |

SB 624 (Horn) Traffic control; driver license; driver responsibility fee; amend eligibility for alternative payment programs, and eliminate new assessments for certain offenses.

SB 625 (Horn) Traffic control; other; workforce training payment program; create.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the package of bills, but did not wish to speak:

Dusty Fancher, representing the Goodwill Association of Michigan, and Reading Works.

Mike Krombeen, representing Kinexus, and the Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit.

Judge Bill Kelly, representing the Michigan District Judges Association.

Rachel Richards, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for **Senate Bill No. 609**. The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Wentworth moved to report **Senate Bill No. 609** with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Wentworth moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for **Senate Bill No. 610**. The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Cole moved to report **Senate Bill No. 610** with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Vaupel moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for **Senate Bill No. 611**. The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Vaupel moved to report **Senate Bill No. 611** with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Wentworth moved to adopt substitute **(H-1)** for **Senate Bill No. 612**. The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Rendon moved to report **Senate Bill No. 612** with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Wentworth moved to report **Senate Bill No. 613** with recommendation. The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Cole moved to report **Senate Bill No. 614** with recommendation. The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt substitute **(H-1)** for **Senate Bill No. 615**. The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Hammoud moved to report **Senate Bill No. 615** with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Geiss moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for **Senate Bill No. 624**. The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Cole moved to report **Senate Bill No. 624** with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for **Senate Bill No. 625**. The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Cole moved to report **Senate Bill No. 625** with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid House Bill No. 5456 before the committee:

HB 5456	(Wentworth)	Civil procedure; civil actions; asbestos bankruptcy trust claims transparency act; enact.
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Representative Wentworth testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Mark Behrens, representing the United States Chamber Institute for Legal Reform, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Kevin Cotter, representing Morbark, LLC, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Eric Abramson, representing the Michigan Association for Justice– Asbestos disease victims, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Rick Braun, representing Collins Einhorn Farrell PC, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Charles Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Pete Kuhnmuench, representing the Insurance Alliance of Michigan.

Jon Cool, representing the Norfolk Southern Railway, and the Michigan Railroads Association.

Delaney McKinley, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Gabby Bruno, representing Ford Motor Company.

Andy Johnston, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce.

Phil Yeiter, representing the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, submitted a card with a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Mark Sutton, representing the American Legion Department of Michigan, submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair_____

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